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**71-10-1 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Active duty" means active military duty and does not include active duty for training, initial active duty for training, or inactive duty for training.
- (2) "Government entity" means the state, any county, municipality, local district, special service district, or any other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state, including state institutions of education.
- (3) "Preference eligible" means:
  - (a) any individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and who has been separated under honorable conditions;
  - (b) a veteran with a disability, regardless of the percentage of disability;
  - (c) the spouse or unmarried widow or widower of a veteran;
  - (d) a purple heart recipient; or
  - (e) a retired member of the armed forces.
- (4) "Veteran" means the same as that term is defined in Section 68-3-12.5.
- (5) "Veteran with a disability" means an individual who has:
  - (a) been separated or retired from the armed forces under honorable conditions; and
  - (b) established the existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute administered by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department.

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